

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Pietraski et al.

Application No.: 10/725,779

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For: DETECTION, AVOIDANCE AND/OR

CORRECTION OF PROBLEMATIC

PUNCTURING PATTERNS IN PARITY

BIT STREAMS USED WHEN

IMPLEMENTING TURBO CODES

Group: 2183

Examiner: Not Yet Known

Our File: I-2-0526.1US

Date: February 10, 2005

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents Post Office Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: